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Smelling the Unseen: Are Your Five Senses Working?

Modern day people are very visual people, always reading or viewing something. Our sense of smell, considered by some to be our most primitive sense, is downplayed in today's crowded urban setting. People from all over the world are put in close proximity to each other. Often they don't like each others' smell which is Nature's way of spreading people out. But the globalized economy requires people of all odours to gather to conduct business. Of course, a lucrative trade in personal care products is the result. The unfortunate corollary is that many people have lost or suppressed their sense of smell.



*Tay Marsh - Rideau Valley
Conservation Area*

This means they are unable to sense danger unless they can See it. Many animals depend on their sense of smell to bring important and essential information to them. Humans have lost this ability.



Ratsnake

Some of us, especially Wolf People, have very acute sense of smell. We can smell a rat or a pile of doodoo without having to see it.

Thus it is with the latest twist of events in the never ending Algonquins of Ontario AoO land claim saga. This land claim always seems to be abt to be resolved but then something happens to delay it yet again. Meanwhile, a dedicated group of performers clap and dance for their payola.

An earlier twist in the sharade took place a few years ago when Gilbert Whiteduck, Algonquin Chief at Kitigan Zibi in Quebec jurisdiction, came out in opposition to the Ontario Algonquins' land claim.

He said it was wrong because it did not include the entire historical Algonquin territory, the Ottawa River watershed which actually divides the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, 2 separate jurisdiction in the colonial layout.

Whiteduck's belated opposition begs the question, "Why didn't he point this out 30 years ago when the AoO claim was shaping up?" Timing is so very important for hunter/gatherers.

Now, we have this new twist against the AoO land claim. This time it is cottagers who have in recent years set up numerous lake associations to fight the land claim. They say Aboriginal economic development of lakefront properties will destroy the pristine environment the cottagers currently enjoy. Don't tell anyone, the Frontenacs and Lanark are still great places to live. However, the economy is next to non existent and tourism is the greatest hope for the region. If the trees are cut down and more and more dwellings built, then the greatest lure to the area is destroyed. Meanwhile, young people grow up and leave because there are no economic opportunities for them.

A few years ago, the Ardoch Algonquins (version 1) set out to physically reclaim some land

around the village of Ardoch. They decided to take over Pine Lake where some cottages were located. Their actions were brusque and unannounced, kind of an unceremonious colonial way of doing things, not our polite and considered Indigenous way of doing things. The Ardochs caused quite a lot of bad feeling among the cottagers. The Ontario gov was involved in some unusual and secret arrangements over the lakefront "properties" some of which were already owned by entrepreneur and Ardoch war chief, Harold Perry who asserted his colonial land rights whenever necessary. The matter has since festered into rumours that the Algonquins will build cottages on Crotch Lake right about where the uranium mine had been proposed. The Algonquins have even considered setting up a casino in the bush. It's all a lot of pipe dreams as far as we can see.

So what to do?? Cottagers, usually part-time residents from cities and even far away places like California, oppose the AoO land claim. What a clever ruse to slow down a process that was never intended to be resolved in the first place. We have said this repeatedly over the years.

Such rapid organization on any issue is seldom spontaneous. It is often orchestrated from behind the scenes. We smell the usual sneaking rat at work.

Refresher on a Modern Day "Friend of the Indians"

2011 Conservative Party candidate for Ottawa-Vanier: Rem Westland continues to lurk.

Rem ran for Conservative M.P. in Ottawa-Vanier in 2011. He lost to Liberal incumbent and francophone, Mauril Belanger. He has never been an elected official but has often played a very powerful role in federal matters relating to Indigenous people. Rem was a director at the PCO during the Oka crisis 1990. A military man, he was a career bureaucrat in the Canadian Gov, having key posts at Indian Affairs and Defence. While at Defence, he negotiated a deal at NanOOSE Bay over US nuclear subs in the Georgia Straits. Rem has had a hand in Native land claims and deals like James Bay Hydro.

During the anti uranium mining protests at Sharbot Lake in 2007, we examined Rem's career after being contacted by a member of the Sharbot family, Cathie Duchene who provided us with letters Rem had written. Apparently, Rem considers himself to be quite an Indigenous historian. He appeared to be giving Ms Duchene direction in her endeavours to reclaim her Indigenous identity as a Mohawk rather than an Algonquin.

We wrote about all this in our 2010 work, "A Calamity Threatens Your Happiness". We quoted a 2007 letter from Rem, "What should really be a Mohawk/Huron/Algonquin claim in the area of the Frontenacs is misrepresented as an Algonquin claim - and people of First Nations descent must register as Algonquin to participate - simply for reasons of administrative convenience and historical denial. What this does to the claim is deny First Nations a meaningful capacity to claim Aboriginal title...because the record is very clear that the Algonquin did not have residency after the Mohawk came in and only began to establish residency long after contact. It serves the purpose of governments (federal and provincial) to support the fiction of continuous Algonquin presence."

More excerpts are included below in the notes.

Not long before his announcement to run for federal political office, he wrote a letter published in the FN, Frontenac News, June, 2010, concerning the AoO land claim and the sale of

cigarettes. Rem likes to think he's a modern day "friend of the Indians". Part of his current business activities include real estate arrangements and business proposals by "Aboriginal" individuals or groups.

In his letter, Rem wrote, "I ... strongly support the ongoing negotiations." Has something changed?

He also stated, "I recall commentary in the Frontenac News from a person of Mohawk descent who moved to Sharbot Lake a few years ago (I think she has since moved away again).

[He means Cathie Duchene, of course.]

She believed the dominant Aboriginal presence in the Frontenacs from the early 1600s until the 1800s was the Six Nations. She supported her position with historical information on the fur trade and early European data on First Nation populations. It is unfortunate that the history of Aboriginal peoples in the Frontenacs appears to remain unclear."

Rem writes about "Chief and Council, Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation". He means Doreen Davis, an interesting but disingenuous character. In 2007, Doreen told us a number of bold faced lies. In the face of rumours that the protest would be dismantled, she said the protest would continue. She said this to us in our face in plain English. There was no misunderstanding. A couple of days later she went incommunicado moose hunting and the protests were over.

Like Cathie Duchene, Doreen claims Francis Sharbot as an ancestor. The mysterious namesake of Sharbot Lake came from Lake of Two Mountains, an apparent Mohawk. The matter of Francis' ancestry has never been definitively determined.

Stirring up the cottagers against the Algonquins may seem counterproductive to Rem's efforts to "help the Indians" but it's not. In fact, the more confusion he can spread, the more Rem's services will be needed to sort out the mess. He wields power from behind the scenes, having his hand into many pots.

As a long time president of the SLPOA, Sharbot Lake Property Owners Association, Rem became well known for his expertise on issues relating to land, tax and economic issues in the area. He would be the ideal person to coach these fledgeling cottagers groups on how to deal with the Algonquins. Somebody evidently is!

Stay tuned!!

Kittoh

Notes

Wildlife rub trees

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOozXEpmh0>

A Bluff Charge by a Black Bear - NOT A BLACK BEAR ATTACK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bkwy0scRXBU>

http://www.frontenacnews.ca/2010/10-22_jun_3/letters_10-22.html

<http://www.earth-treaty.com/text/18.html>

Excerpts from "A Calamity Threatens Your Happiness" by Kittoh
(copies still available by contacting the author]

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Who is Rem Westland?



Rem Westland, 1970 graduate of the Royal Military College in Kingston, was in the Canadian military and taught at Carleton University in Ottawa before entering the civil service. He went from being Director of Operations at the Privy Council Office (PCO) 1989-91 to Director General of Claims/Treaty Land Entitlement at Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) 1991-95, and Director General at Ontario Aboriginal Affairs 1995-97. Then he moved on to Department of National Defence (DND) where he was Director General Realty Policy and Plans (DGRPP) as well as being Assistant Deputy Minister for about one year, 1998-99. Rem left DND in 2003. He was at the scene of a number of

crises involving military and colonial confrontation in Indigenous communities. Ipperwash and Nanoose Bay come to mind.

Rem who lives in Ottawa's exclusive Rockcliffe, owns a cottage at Sharbot Lake. He is perpetual retiring president of the Sharbot Lake Property Owners Association (SLPOA). Currently he is vice president of Corporate Research Group and team leader for Aboriginal Affairs. Rem likes to present himself as friend of the Indians. He has studied the history. He claims he wants the truth to come out. He sent an email to MNN praising the report "Genealogical Genocide" of February 3, 2008. He actually said, "the time has come to correct the history of the Frontenacs".

If he already knew this, why didn't he say so before? Has he been waiting to get PAID for this priceless information?

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Rem Westland was Director of Operations at PCO from 1989 to 91, during Brian Mulroney's era. This was the very time frame when the Mohawk Oka crisis took place in the summer of 1990. Some 3,000 Canadian soldiers were deployed in a siege of 55 Mohawks and supporters. Rem wrote notes to Mulroney and sent him "to do" lists. This has been his main function throughout his career, to grease the wheels and deals of Government workings.

In their own words, the PCO "facilitates the smooth and effective operations of Cabinet and Government". Guys like Westland provide "non partisan advice". As if! He puts Government policy into words and coordinates that policy throughout the various departments of the bureaucracy.

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Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

Westland was Director General of Claims/Treaty Land Entitlement from 1991-95. The job is now divided into two positions, DG for Specific Claims and DG for Comprehensive Claims. People who answer the phones at INAC don't know anything about it.

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NanOOSE Bay

Westland was the DND federal negotiator during the NanOOSE Expropriation crisis in 1999. The U.S. military's lease to test nuclear torpedoes in the Georgia Straits off Vancouver Island was going to end in 1999. They wanted to renew it because it's not easy to find places where the locals will agree to nukes splashing in the bay and nuclear submarines cruising the waters.

"..Naval nuclear facilities are even more dangerous than the ones onshore. Each sub, two football fields long, can carry and launch enough nuclear missiles to "destroy every capital city in the northern hemisphere," according to Gordon Edwards of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR).....

An old hand at saying no when he means to say, yes, Westland signed an agreement with B.C. negotiator Lorne Seitz to keep nukes out of NanOOSE Bay. David Anderson later overruled and revoked it. A deal was then signed giving B.C. \$millions, a lot more than the \$1/year the Pentagon had been giving Ottawa. Since 9/11, the testing has increased. The U.S. military literally controls Canadian port cities with the ominous presence of nuclear submarines. The ever present threat of nuclear and radioactive disaster affects millions of people. All this in the name of "national security".....

Corporate Research Group (CRG)

Rem Westland is Vice President of CRG. They got contracts with Indian Affairs to smooth the way for an agreement between the Quebec Crees and the Federal and Quebec governments so that Hydro Quebec can build more dams and develop more hydroelectricity on the many great rivers in Cree territory. They want to flood and pollute the entire region and kill off the Cree who are in the way. Eventually they want to divert the water to the drought ridden USA.

Rem and company are for hire as consultants to Aboriginal groups or businesses who want to buy land or businesses. If the Aboriginal group is in good with Government officials, CRG can arrange financing too.....

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newspaper_endorsements_in_the_Canadian_federal_election,_2011

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<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Drone+attacks+frighten+geese+away+from+Petrie+Isl and+with+video/8811462/story.html>

<http://www.remwestland.ca/about/about/index.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mauril_B%C3%A9langer

http://www.wrengroup.ca/nflaa/nflaa_005.htm

Ottawa Citizen [18][19] - Endorsed a Conservative majority government, but also endorsed individual candidates at a riding level: Bernadette Clément in Stormont-Dundas-South, Steve MacKinnon in Gatineau, David Bertschi in Ottawa-Orléans, David McGuinty in Ottawa South, Gordon O'Connor in Carleton-Mississippi Mills, John Baird in Ottawa West-Nepean, Pierre Lemieux in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, Scott Reid in Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington, Lawrence Cannon in Pontiac, Rem Westland in Ottawa-Vanier, Pierre Poilievre in Nepean-Carleton, Gordon Brown in Leeds-Grenville, Nycole Turmel in Hull-Aylmer, Paul Dewar in Ottawa-Centre, and Hector Clouthier in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cD633Oe7Wxs><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1JP1qVofjQ>

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